

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 Vision-based document segmentation identifies one or more portions of  
3 semantic content of a document. The one or more portions are identified by  
4 identifying a plurality of visual blocks in the document, and detecting one or more  
5 separators between the visual blocks of the plurality of visual blocks. A content  
6 structure for the document is constructed based at least in part on the plurality of  
7 visual blocks and the one or more separators, and the content structure identifies  
8 the one or more portions of semantic content of the document. The content  
9 structure obtained using the vision-based document segmentation can optionally  
10 be used during document retrieval.  
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